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SOLUTION FOR TERRITORY NOT VIABLE.

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUMMARY: MILITARY GOVERNOR OF GUINEA IN PRESS INTERVIEW
REJECTS FEDERALIST SOLUTION AS NO LONGER VALID FOR
TERRITORY, AND TOUTS PAIGC AS IDEOLOGY OF BULK GUINEAN
PEOPLE, WHICH IF SUPPORTED IS SHORTEST ROAD TO MUCH-SOUGHT
PEACE. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM
LEADER OF LIGA POPULAR DOS GUINEUS THAT GOP HAS COMPLETELY
DISARMED AFRICAN COMMANDOS, WHO CARRIED BULK OF WAR
EFFORT AGAINST PAIGC, AND WHO IF ARMED MIGHT POSE REAL
THREAT TO FUTURE PAIGC GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. BRIG. CARLOS FABIAO, MILITARY GOVERNOR OF PORTUGUESE
GUINEA, IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED JULY 22 IN SOCIALIST
DAILY REPUBLICA, EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT "IN PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES FEDERAL SOLUTION FOR GUINEA NOT VIABLE".
FABIAO, WHO WAS SENT TO PROVINCE SHORTLY AFTER APRIL 25
COUP (SEE REFTTEL), AND WHO IS PERSONALLY SYMPATHETIC
TO PAIGC, ALSO SAID IN HIS OPINION PRESENT DE FACTO
CEASEFIRE IS "IRREVERSIBLE".

2. WHEN ASKED IF BULK OF PEOPLE SUPPORT PAIGC, FABIAO
REPLIED THAT "IDEOLOGY OF PAIGC IS IDEOLOGY WHICH IS
MOST IDENTIFIED WITH GUINEAN PEOPLE AND (SUPPORT OF
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WHICH) IS SHORTEST ROAD TO PEACE, THE MAXIMUM AMBITION
OF THESE PEOPLE". "RECEPTION" GIVEN TO POLITICAL ACTION
OF PAIGC CADRES CITED BY GOVERNOR AS "PROOF" OF POPULAR
SUPPORT FOR PAIGC.

3. FABIAO WENT ON TO SAY THAT REGARDLESS OF SPECIFIC
POLITICAL SOLUTION WHICH WILL BE FOUND FOR GUINEA,
PORTUGUESE AND GUINEANS WILL ALWAYS MAINTAIN CULTURAL

TIES, IN WHICH THEY WILL BE AIDED BY THEIR COMMON LANGUAGE. LACK OF ECONOMIC MEANS AND RESOURCES IN HIS OPINION WILL NOT HINDER ACHIEVEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE, "SINCE PEOPLE HAVE SUFFICIENT LOVE FOR THEIR LAND TO PERMIT THEM TO MOVE FORWARD ON ROAD THEY CHOOSE TO FOLLOW".

4. WILL PORTUGUESE TROOPS IN CASE OF INDEPENDENCE SIMPLY LEAVE TERRITORY? GOVERNOR SAID THIS WILL DEPEND ON PRIOR POLITICAL AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN PARTIES, WHICH ARE INDISPENSABLE AND SHOULD BE CONCLUDED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO AVOID AMBIGUOUS SITUATIONS. FABIAO PREDICTED THAT EUROPEAN MINORITY, ONCE SITUATION CLARIFIED, WILL INTEGRATE THEMSELVES INTO NEW STATE.

5. EMBASSY TOLD BY NICOLAU MARTINS NUNES, LEADER OF LIGA POPULAR DOS GUINEUS (WHO OPPOSES PAIGC), THAT MILITARY FORCES IN PROVINCE HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY AND OVERTLY SUPPORTING PAIGC EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A POLITICAL AND MILITARY PRESENCE IN BISSAU AND OTHER CITIES THROUGHOUT GUINEA. FOR EXAMPLE, HE CLAIMS ARMY TRUCKS, FUNDS, AND OTHER FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE HAVE BEEN PROVIDED THE PAIGC FRONT GROUP IN BISSAU. EFFORTS BY HIS AND OTHER NON-PAIGC GROUPS TO OBTAIN SIMILAR FACILITIES AND ASSISTANCE HAVE BEEN DENIED AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS OF THESE PARTIES HAVE BEEN IMPEDED, ACCORDING TO NUNES.

6. PORTUGUESE ARMY, ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE, HAS NOW COMPLETELY DISARMED THE 22,000 AFRICAN COMMANDOS WHO IF ARMED MIGHT POSE A POTENTIAL THREAT, ESPECIALLY TO THE CAPE VERDIAN LEADERS IN THE PAIGC. THESE ARMY UNITS WHILE DISARMED HAVE NOT BEEN DEMOBILIZED. NUNES
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CLAIMS ONLY BLACK COMMANDOS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO TURN IN THEIR WEAPONS ARE IN THE NORTHERN CONCELHO OF FARIM NEAR SENEGALESE BORDER. THE FEW BLACK NAVY OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN HAVE SO FAR REFUSED TO DISARM.

7. NUNES ALSO CLAIMS THAT PAIGC HAS NOW BEGUN TO KIDNAP POTENTIAL OPPONENTS. HE PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH LIST OF FIVE LIGA MEMBERS AND SIX FLING ADHERENTS ALLEGEDLY KIDNAPPED IN BISSAU AND BAFATA.
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